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INTERESTING CLIPPINGS FROM VARIOUS MINING JOURNALS.

A new town called Petroleum Center has been founded north of Albuquerque, N. M., at the recently discovered oil fields.

A few days ago, three miles above Dexter, J. J. Noonan struck the richest quartz ledge yet found in Shasta county. The vein is seven feet wide.

The metal of the future is aluminum, and in a few years it will displace iron and steel and revolutionize the industrial arts. The world contains ten times as much of it as of iron—very clay being an aluminum mine. It is three times as strong as Bessemer steel, will not corrode, is very ductile, is a third lighter than cast iron, and the raw materials for making it are not worth twenty dollars a ton.

The water in the Oshtobin shaft of the Gould and Curry and Best and Belcher mines has been reduced to the 2100 level, and in a few feet for the third line of pumps will be reached and connected with, giving considerably increased drainage facilities. There is about 400 feet more of water yet to pump out, which is merely a question of time, as the pumping facilities are perfect. But the drainage of a vast extent of ground, not only in that mine but all the adjoining ones, has to be taken care of, and this consideration, therefore, rapid progress must not be expected.

James G. Rule has actively commenced operations under his engagement as superintending foreman, to develop and bring out the ore resources of the Gould and Curry mine above the 1600 level. He has about twenty men at work on the 600 level already.

The wealth of Pennsylvania is largely due to the development of the coal in the state, and the importance of England in the industrial world is due to a similar cause.

The Drum Lommon mine of Montana, which opened itself during January by the largest production on record. Sixty stamps working thirty days crushed 3456 tons, yielding \$100,831.19.

The country about Trinidad, in southern Colorado, is rich in coal, iron and fire-clay.

Notwithstanding the fact that the total production of bituminous coal in the United States in 1885 was 3,000,000 tons less than in 1884, in the South there was a large increase, amounting to over 2,000,000 tons.

Great Britain imported in 1885 \$446,000 in silver, of which \$127,000 came from the United States. The annual consumption of copper in the United States is about 95,000,000 lb., and the production about 16,000,000 lb.

In the statistics of the production of lead in 1885 the amount is given at 130,667 tons, or about 9,000 tons less than in 1884.

The smelt at Leadville, which on the 1st of January were running from thirteen to fourteen furnaces, and were short of all classes of ore, now have sixteen and seventeen furnaces in blast and 50,000 tons of ore on hand.

Petroleum in New Mexico.

The report that an artesian flow of crude petroleum had been discovered in the southern part of Santa Fe county, between the mining villages of Golden and Wallace, has been confirmed and samples of the oil tested. The oil flows through tubing fifty feet down, and the flow is copious and steady. The crude oil burns freely and with a bright flame. Several claims have already been located in the vicinity of the well.—Chicago Mining Review.

Melbourne, which consisted of 13 but, and was known as Benragass at the time of Queen Victoria's accession, is now classed as the seventh city of the British Empire, coming in after London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham and Calcutta.

Wolf Mallon, a Russian, drank a swig of oil of vitrol by mistake for whiskey. It did not at all inconvenience him. It killed him.

The Panama Canal has 102,000 stockholders, of whom 16,000 are women.

"Dat Alters De Case."

As we rode out from a town in Mississippi to view a plantation, a commercial traveler for a New York house expressed a desire to go along. He procured a horse, joined the party, and his company was welcomed. A mile and a half from town we came to a written notice, posted on a board, and everybody stopped to read it. It was a notice of sheriff's sale, and the colored man who tacked it up was still on the ground. The notice was badly written and worse spelled, and the drummer laughed loud and long over "dat" for calf, "dat" for debt and "dat" for sheriff.

"What's wrong wid 'dat notice?" asked the colored man in a very edgy voice.

"It's too funny for anything," was the reply. "Some one had better go to school."

"Dat's me, sah. I'm a constable an' I writ dat off."

"Oh, you did! Well, I hope the calf will be sold."

"Yes, sah. You come along wid me, sah."

"Wit you?"

"Yes, sah. I 'rest you, sah."

"What for?"

"Contempt of court, sah! Come right along."

"Where?"

"Be-fo' de Justice, sah! We'll see about dat calf!"

The drummer was advised against resistance and finally permitted himself to be taken before a colored Justice nearly two miles from the spot.

The Constable had picked up a colored man on the way, who made and swore to a complaint, and the drummer was arraigned on the charge, although his Honor seemed very uneasy about it. The Constable acted as counsel for the prisoner.

When the case was ready he said: "Your Honor, who is this court?"

"I is, sah," was the dignified reply.

"Has this man shown any contempt for you?"

"No, sah."

"Then how can you try him for contempt of court?"

The old man scratched his head, opened a law book wrong side up, and finally replied:

"De prisoner am discharged, but will be to pay \$1 costs."

"But if he is discharged because of his innocence, where do you get the right to put costs onto him?" asked the Colonel.

"Where do I? Why in the law book?"

"Which one?"

"De one at home."

"I take exception, your Honor, and shall carry this case to the Supreme Court," said the Colonel.

"Umh! Dat alters de case. De prisoner am discharged from his fine of \$1, an' de constable am fined \$2 for making a fool of himself an' gettin' dis court all twisted up in a hard knot afore white folks!"—[Detroit Free Press.]

Millions are Moving.

Mr. L. E. Mower, of the S. P. R. R. Company, has presented the Herald a photograph of the first cannon ball train of oranges that left this city February 14th, consisting of twenty fruit cars containing 1,250,000 oranges, drawn by two locomotives, with their engineers instructed to stop for nothing but fuel and water till they reached Chicago. Away they flew till Lake Michigan was reached in five days from the orange groves of Los Angeles. Twenty-three cars more left this city on Thursday last carrying 1,400,000 oranges and lemons. To day forty carloads of similar fruit will fly away in the same manner, carrying about 2,400,000 more of the shining citrus spheres, carrying away in eight days 5,000,000 of oranges and lemons.

These oranges went over the Southern Pacific alone, while the Atlantic and Pacific has carried several millions more, of which the data has not been obtained. These items of the orange trade show to what proportions the fruit trade has grown and the vast power of the railways around Los Angeles, which move either in or out of the city about 700 cars daily.—[Los Angeles Herald.]

Muzaffer Eddin, the lately deceased Emir of Bokhara, had 280 wives, 290 female slaves, ten female barbers, nine female cooks, four midwives, twenty-two needlewomen and fifty washerwomen.

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Physicians Have Found Out.

That a contaminating and foreign element in the blood, developed by indigestion, is the cause of rheumatism. This settles upon the sensitive subcutaneous covering of the muscles and ligaments of the joints, causing constant and shifting pain, and aggregating as a calcareous, chalky deposit which produces stiffness and distortion of the joints. No facts which experience has demonstrated in regard to Houtetter's Stomach Bitters, has stronger evidence to support than this, namely, that this medicine of comprehensive uses checks the formidable and atrocious disease, nor is it less positively established that it is preferable to the poisons often used to arrest it, since the medicine contains only salutary ingredients. It is also a signal remedy for malarial fevers, constipation, dyspepsia, kidney and bladder ailments, debility and other disorders. See that you get the genuine.

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Giles Bros. & Co. have published a very interesting little pamphlet describing the effect of magnetism on watches, which can be had free on application. It also describes the "Anti-Magnetic Shield for Watches," which has been proved to be a perfect protection against the magnetic and electric influence and is especially advantageous in Railway service where these influences are very strong and will prevent the breakage of main springs in cycles and magnetic storms. Your jeweler can furnish or procure this protection, if not, send to Giles Bros. & Co., the Chicago Jewelers, for a descriptive circular which will be mailed free on application.

Electric Sign is for Deep Mines.

A Lake Superior miner has invented a very ingenious contrivance whereby signals can be given from the lowest depths of the mines with the utmost distinctness and precision. The signal will be given by means of an electric bell, which will be heard by the person that gives the signal as well as by the person receiving it. The entire apparatus can be placed in an iron box six inches square. Signals can be given from any level of the mine.

This invention will no doubt prove of great value to our mines, and may be the means of saving many lives, as there will be no possibility of mistaking the signal.—Boston Budget.

A Child's Definition.

"Mother," said a little Rockland girl, looking up from her book, "what does transatlantic mean?"
"Oh, across the Atlantic of course. Don't bother me; you make me forget my count."

"Does trans always mean across?"

"I suppose it does. If you don't step bothering me with your questions you'll go to bed."

"Then does transparent mean a cross parent?"

Ten minutes later she was resting in her little couch.—Rockland Courier.

John Neitz, a Pennsylvania farmer, professes to have discovered the elixir of life. It is garlic, which he has chewed for twenty years. His wife had to leave him. His neighbors have all moved West, but John chews on, and at seventy-five looks like a man of forty, and smells like a skunk of five hundred.

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A lady near Hartwell, in Georgia, had her teeth frozen and burst during the late cold spell. She left them in a glass of water.

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